

Education and Skills Act 2008

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EDUCATION AND SKILLS ACT 2008

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- 1 Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50)
- 2 (1) Section 28D (accessibility strategies and plans) is amended as...
- 3 For section 28M(2)(a) substitute— (a) schools approved under section 342...
- 4 For section 28Q(4)(d) substitute— (d) a school approved under section...
- 5 Education Act 1996 (c. 56)

- 6 For section 6(2) (reference to definition of special school) substitute—...
- 7 In section 313(5) (codes of practice) for "Part" substitute "Chapter"....
- 8 After section 537A insert— Application of sections 537 and 537A...
- 9 (1) Section 548 (no right to give corporal punishment) is...
- 10 In the table in section 580 (index), in the entry...
- 11 In that table insert the following entries at the appropriate...
- 12 Police Act 1997 (c. 50)
- 13 Education Act 2002 (c. 32)
- 14 In the definition of "qualifying body" in section 1(3) (interpretation)...
- 15 Before section 157 insert— Application of Chapter to schools in...
- 16 In section 157 (independent school standards) omit subsections (1A) and
- 17 In section 158 (the registers)—(a) omit subsections (1)(a) and...
- 18 Omit sections 162A and 162B (inspection of registered schools in...
- 19 In section 163 (power to inspect registered schools in Wales)—...
- 20 In section 164 (inspections under section 163: supplementary) omit "for...
- 21 In section 165(1)(a) (failure to meet standards) omit "162A or"....
- 22 In section 167A (prohibition on participation in management of independent...
- 23 For sections 167C and 167D (information and notification in relation...
- 24 (1) Section 171 is amended as follows.
- 25 Education Act 2005 (c. 18)
- 26 For section 5(2)(g) (duty to inspect certain schools) substitute—
- 27 For section 28(2)(d) (duty to arrange inspections of certain schools)...
- 28 (1) Section 59 (combined reports) is amended as follows.
- 29 In section 62(4)(a) (power of Welsh Ministers to change inspection...
- 30 Childcare Act 2006 (c. 21)
- 31 (1) Section 13 (duty to provide information, advice and training...
- 32 (1) Section 34(2) (requirement to register: other early years providers)...
- In section 49 (inspections) in subsection (4) for "independent school"...
- 34 (1) Section 53(2) (requirement to register: other later years providers...
- 35 (1) Section 63(3) (applications for registration on the general register:...
- In section 106 (general interpretation) for the definition of "independent...
- 37 Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40)
- 38 (1) Section 11 (publication of proposals to establish maintained schools:...
- 39 In the following provisions for "approved by the Secretary of...
- 40 (1) Section 171 (prohibition on participation in management: transitional provision)...
- 41 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47)
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- 42 Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)
- 43 Children Act 1989 (c. 41)
- 44 Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5)
- 45 (1) Section 2A (claim or full entitlement to certain benefits...
- 46 (1) Section 2AA (full entitlement to certain benefits conditional on...
- 47 (1) Section 2C (optional work-focused interviews) is amended as follows....
- 48 Education Act 1996 (c. 56)
- 49 In section 439 (school attendance: specification of schools), in subsection...

- 50 In section 444A(1)(b) (penalty notice in respect of failure to...
- 51 In section 566(3) (evidence: documents)— (a) in paragraph (a), after...
- 52 (1) Paragraph 8 of Schedule 35B (meaning of "eligible child"...
- 53 School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31)
- 54 (1) Section 86 (parental preferences) is amended as follows.
- 55 In section 87 (no requirement to admit children permanently excluded...
- After section 88Q (inserted by section 151) insert— Admission arrangements:...
- 57 (1) Section 89 (procedure for determining admission arrangements) is amended...
- 58 (1) Section 89A (determination of admission numbers) is amended as...
- 59 (1) Section 89B (co-ordination of admission arrangements) is amended as...
- 60 (1) Section 89C (further provision about schemes adopted or made...
- Omit section 89D (power to restrict alteration of admission arrangements...
- 62 (1) Section 90 (reference of objections to adjudicator or Secretary...
- 63 After section 90 insert— Regulations by Welsh Ministers under sections...
- Omit section 90A (restrictions on alteration of admission arrangements following...
- Before section 92 insert—Publication of information about admissions: England...
- 66 Omit section 94(7).
- 67 (1) Section 95 (appeals relating to children to whom section...
- 68 (1) Section 98 (admission for nursery education or to nursery...
- 69 In section 103 (permitted selection: introduction, variation or abandonment of...
- 70 In section 108 (implementation of decision that school should cease...
- 71 After section 138 insert—Regulations made by Welsh Ministers under...
- 72 In section 142(1) (general interpretation)— (a) in the definition of...
- 73 (1) Section 143 (index) is amended as follows.
- 74 Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30)
- 75 Learning and Skills Act 2000 (c. 21)
- 76 In the following provisions after "section" insert "139A or"—
- 77 In section 140 (the title of which becomes "Assessments relating...
- 78 Tax Credits Act 2002 (c. 21)
- 79 Education Act 2002 (c. 32)
- 80 Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 (c. 38)
- 81 Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)
- 82 Children Act 2004 (c. 31)
- 83 In section 10 (co-operation to improve well-being), in subsection (4) (f),...
- 84 In section 11 (arrangements to safeguard and promote welfare), in...
- 85 In section 13(3)(g) (Local Safeguarding Children's Boards), for "under section...
- 86 Education and Inspections Act 2006 (c. 40)
- 87 In section 74(3) (implementation of curriculum requirements for fourth kev...
- 88 (1) In section 180 (functions to be exercisable by National...
- 89 Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47)
- 90 Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (c. 4)

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